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SUBJECT: AEROSAT TALKS WITH AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN.

ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE AWARE THAT GOA AND GOJ EARLIER INDICATED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE EXPERIMENTAL AERONAUTICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM KNOWN AS AEROSAT. WHEN DECISION WAS MADE TO CONFINE PROGRAM TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC, AT LEAST IN ITS INITIAL STAGES, GOA AND GOJ INTEREST DIMINISHED SUBSTANTIVELY. HOWEVER, RECENTLY BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE COMMUNICATED TO AEROSAT COUNCIL, WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (ESRO), CANADA AND THE U.S., THEIR DESIRE TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM.

CONSEQUENTLY, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES PLAN VISIT MELBOURNE AND TOKYO FOR MEETINGS WITH CIVIL AVIATION
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OFFICIALS. IN AUSTRALIA THEY WILL MEET WITH EGON STERN,

SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION. IN TOKYO, THEY WILL MEET WITH MR. K. YONEMOTO, DIRECTOR OF RADIO ENGINEERING DIVISION, CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. TALKS ARE SCHEDULED IN MELBOURNE ON JANUARY 28-29 AND IN TOKYO ON JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1. AMERICANS PARTICIPATING ARE AEROSAT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN DAVID ISRAEL OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AND RICHARD BEAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

THEY EXTEND AN INVITATION TO HAVE AN OFFICER FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS PARTICIPATE IN THESE CONVERSATIONS IF POSTS CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE. IN TOKYO THEY WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME EMBASSY OFFICER PARTICIPATION. THEY ARRIVE IN MELBOURNE JANUARY 27. SINCE THAT DATE IS AN AUSTRALIAN HOLIDAY THEY WILL CALL CONGEN EARLY ON 28TH. SHOULD CONGEN DESIRE PRIOR INFORMATION ON MEETING SCHEDULE, IT MAY WISH TO CALL MR. STERN. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN TOKYO ON JANUARY 30 AND WILL CALL EMBASSY. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CABLE THE NAME OF THE CONTROL OFFICER.

THEY ARE ARRANGING THEIR OWN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. KISSINGER

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